STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS20185

This legislation would create procedures by which a foster child's status as a foster child could be extended up to the date of the foster child's twentieth birthday in order to reduce adolescent homelessness, unplanned pregnancies, unemployment, substance abuse, and social service dependency in the group of children who "age out" of foster care at age eighteen (18).

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation may have a fiscal impact on the general fund budget due to the fact that some foster children may continue as foster children for a longer period. The amount of that fiscal impact is unknown and may be offset by savings in social services currently provided to children who age out of foster care when they become eighteen.



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